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SIR:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) and NOTICE OF APPEAL

In response to the Advisory Action mailed October 25, 2006, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to grant a 1-month extension of time (from November 11, 2006 up to and including December 11, 2006) in which to respond to the Final Office

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Action mailed August 11, 2006 in the above-identified application.

Applicant hereby respectfully appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed August 11, 2006 finally rejecting pending claims 1-35 in this application.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the 1-month extension fee (\$120), as well as the Appeal Fee (\$500) to the undersigned attorney's PTO deposit account No. 50-1047 accordingly. It is further requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayments made to Deposit Account 50-1047.

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